

## AROUND THE WORLD... a romantic journey to far-off lands Dot DLP 3150



with Steve Allen and his orchestra. The itinerary: MEXICO: To the haunting strains of Adios we waft down Mexico way on a course set for us

by arranger Jack Kane. This lovely and romantic melody, muy triste, speaks of yellow moons and velvet nights, and a certain dark-eyed senorita to whom, tragically, we must at last say adios. Unwilling to leave our Latin mood, but forced nevertheless to move on, we travel next to... SPAIN: The stirring yet poignant theme Madre, written by Steve himself, perfectly expresses the soul of Spain: emotional, romantic, but dignified. Traveling north we enter... FRANCE: What can one say of France that has not been said in a million poems, a

hundred thousand beautiful French go to... ENGLAND: Land expresses the



travel folders, and several hundred record album covers? When The World Was Young, the love song, tells its own story, and a breathtaking one it is. But with only a backward glance we Here again composer Allen draws a musical portrait. His stirring, martial Fight For The

traditional strength of the British character, lishmen for their homeland. The same sort of fervor, of course, is felt by the inhabitants If there is any one song that unfailingly plucks the heartstrings of even the most doughty



the love of Engof .... IRELAND: Irishman, it is

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the timeless Danny Boy, and Steve, an Irisher himself, gives particularly tender care to his piano treatment of the lovely melody. The sentimental mood persists as we journey on to... GERMANY: Reaching into the standard file this time, Steve comes up with a fine old ballad all too seldom heard: Auf Wiedersehn. Excellent, this, to make one feel a bit like crying into his beer, be it lager, bock, or was willst du



haben? SIDE TWO: And now new vistas open up as we enter neighboring **BELGIUM**: Memories of the World's Fair are stirred by another of Steve's compositions, Holiday In Brussels, written for the motion picture of the same name. Then it's a somewhat longer hop southward to...ITALY: Non Dimenticar has long had a strange fascination for Steve. "I used to hear this tune played on Muzak or floating out of the radios of passing cars, and for two or three years I couldn't find out its name. At last I discovered that it came from the motion

picture 'Anna' I've been wanting to will always be with us." And, having and... INDIA: Speaking of melodies



- record it for a long time because I feel that it's the sort of melody that made his point splendidly, Steve takes us around the world to the Orient that will always be with us, Rimsky-Korsakov's Song of India seems

never to pall; no matter how it is arranged, its essential vigor emerges. Here Steve's piano essays a light feeling of swing without disturbing the prevailing mood of our journey. Traveling further East, our next stop... JAPAN: Another Steve Allen original, A Midsummer Night's Dream, lyrically arranged by Jack Kane, speaks of Nippon with surprising authenticity. Then it's over the blue Pacific, through the Panama Canal, and across the Caribbean to sunny... CUBA: Few spots on our planet are more music-minded than Havana. Those fortunate enough to have visited this exciting city can always relive their experience by listening to The Peanut Vendor. The best trips, of course, always end up back home, and so we conclude our musical journey by sailing into New York harbor in the good old ... UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: This new ballad for Americans, U.S.A., written by Steve, speaks of love of the land. It is not just a patriotic hymn, but a lyrical and powerfully emotional statement. Nice to be back-yes-but what a wonderful journey it was!

Arranged and directed by Jack Kane



**ADIOS** Mexico MADRE Spain WHEN THE WORLD WAS YOUNG France FIGHT FOR THE LAND England **DANNY BOY** Ireland **AUF WIEDERSEHN** Germany

**HOLIDAY IN BRUSSELS** Belgium NON DIMENTICAR Italy SONG OF INDIA India A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Japan THE PEANUT VENDOR Cuba **U.S.A.** The United States

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